SPRINGFIELD, MO

October 30, 2004 Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge Between Trafficway and Tampa

Event: Naming and Dedication Ceremony Of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge

The bridge was formerly known as the Benton Avenue Viaduct. It was closed to traffic during the celebration and included a historic walk across the bridge. A reception followed in Jordan Valley Park. Special guests included city officials and various community leaders/representatives. Sponsored by the City of Springfield and Springfield Branch NAACP. **Contact:** Denny Whayne, City Council Representative at 417/833-1966.

January 17, 2005 Time: 11:00 AM

Place: City Hall Building

Corner of Boonville and Chestnut Expressway

Event: MLK Freedom March

Assemble at City Hall building for a symbolic march through downtown Springfield and across the MLK Bridge. Sponsored by the Springfield Branch NAACP. **Contact:** Rev. Larry Maddox at 417/496-9400.

January 17, 2005 Time: 12:00 PM

Place: Abundant Life Center 157 Paric Central Square

Event: MLK Freedom Rally and Celebration

Event will feature various guest speakers, musical selections and award presentations. Special guests will include various city officials and community representatives. Sponsored by the Springfield Branch NAACP. Admission is free. **Contact:** Rev. Larry Maddox at 417/496-9400.

January 17, 2005 Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Place: Southwest Missouri State University, Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts Event: "Multicultural Opportunity Festival"

Information booths highlighting various business education and community groups. Also, arts and crafts displays, and hourly musical and dance performances. Admission is free. Sponsored by UNITE of Southwest Missouri. **Contact:** Samuel Knox at 417/864-7494.

January 20, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: SMSU Plaster Student Union

901 S. National

Event: "An Evening of Reflection"

MLK Celebration featuring various speakers and performing arts presentations. Admission is free. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University, Office of Multicultural Student Services. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618.

January 28, 2005 Time: 8:00 PM

Place: SMSU Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts

525 Hammons Parkway

Event: Concert featuring "Naturally 7"

An a capella septet presenting soul, rap, pop, rock and folk music in their own unique way. Admission is \$18-\$26. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

Contact: Deb Gallion at 417/836-6776.

January 28 – February 2005

Time: TBA

Place: SMSU Campus 901 S. National

Event: African American Heritage Exhibits and Displays

Displays will be in Ellis Hall, Strong Hall and Meyer Library. Admission is free. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618.

February 1, 2005

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Place: Plaster Student Union, Rm. 313

901 S. National Ave.

Event: Tales to Celebrate our Multicultural Heritage

Special Guest: Gladys Coggswell, master storyteller. Admission is free. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University Libraries. **Contact:** Anne Baker at 417/836-4298.

February 2, 2005

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 PM

Place: Plaster Student Union Theatre

901 S. National Ave. Event: Movie Night: Mr. 3000

Admission is free with student ID. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Student Activities

Council. Contact: Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618.

February 4, 2005

Time: 7:00 - 11:00 PM

Place: Plaster Student Union Games Center, 901 S. National Ave.

Event: Rock-n-Bowl, Soul Bowl

Featuring bowling, billiards, video games and soul music. Admission is free with student ID. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Student Activities Council. **Contact:** Whitney Evans at 417/836-4626.

February 13, 2005

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Place: Plaster Student Union Theatre

901 S. National Ave.

Event: Centennial Film Series: The Color Purple

Admission is free with student ID. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Student Activities

Council. Contact: Ralphanique Moore at 417/836-4626.

February 23, 2005 Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Hammons Hall

525 John Q. Hammons Parkway

Event: Ladysmith Black Mombazo performance

This group is regarded as South Africa's cultural emissaries, and has touched a worldwide audience representing every corner of the religious, cultural and ethnic landscape. Admission cost: \$16 - \$26. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Juanita H. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

Contact: Deb Gallion at 417/836-6776.

February 23, 2005 Time: 9:00 – 11:00 PM

Place: Plaster Student Union Theatre

901 S. National Avenue

Event: Film - "Ray"

Admission is free with student ID. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Student Activities Council. **Contact:** Ralphanique Moore at 417/836-4626.

February 27, 2005 Time: 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Place: SMSU Plaster Student Union Theatre, 901 S. National

Event: "Gospel Extravaganza" and Reception

Special Guests: SMSU Gospel Choir and other choirs and soloists from throughout the Midwest region. Admission is free. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618.

February 27, 2005 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Place: Plaster Student Union Theatre

Event: Centennial Film Series

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

Admission is free with student ID. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University's Student Activities Council. **Contact:** Ralphanique Moore at 417/836-4626.

March 3, 2005

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Place: SMSU Plaster Student Union Theatre, 901 S. National

Event: "The Essence of Liberty: Free

African American Women Before Slavery Ended"

Lecture/Discussion/Presentation. Special guest: Dr. Wilma King, Professor in African American History and Culture at the University of Missouri - Columbia. Admission is free. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University African American Heritage Month Committee and Women's History Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618.

March 5, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Central High Auditorium

423 E. Central

Event: "Stomp Fest 2005"

Annual step show featuring collegiate step teams from throughout the Midwest. Admission is \$15 for step show and party, \$10 for step show only. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri State University Association of Black Collegians. **Contact:** Michael Woods at 417/837-7430.

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